

# Chudleigh Town Council

# **Environment Committee**

# Tuesday 22nd July 2024

## Public Participation:

None.

## In attendance:

Councillors Hares (chair), McCormick, Powell, Webb., Klinkenberg and Kirby. Also, in attendance was co-opted members Tess Frost and Mike Moyse and Amii Shelley (Assistant Clerk)

## Apologies:

Apologies received from Councillors Bowling and Hadley.

## Declaration of members’ interests:

None.

## Confirmation of Part 1 and 2 of the meeting:

The chair advised there would be no part 2.

## Urgent matters brought forward by the Chairman:

After a successful meeting with Chudleigh Wild regarding the management of verges on Lawn Drive, councillors are looking to have a follow-up meeting at the end of summer. **Action point 1**

## Progress on action points from the meeting on 28th May 2024

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| **Action Point** | **Action Required** | **Status 22/07/2024** |
| **1** | Review Lawn Drive verge management Autumn 2024 | Completed |
| **2** | Contact Vistry Homes to remind them of the land management agreement | Completed |
| **3** | Obtain cctv solutions for the allotments | Carried forward. **Action point 2** |
| **4** | Arrange for the contractor to purchase plants for the bat garden. | Completed |
| **5** | Organise the cutting of the grass and reduction of the nettles at the bat garden | Completed |
| **6** | Contact the TDC dog warden about regarding dog fouling in Chudleigh | Completed |
| **7** | Feedback to the committee regarding the rotten gate at footpath 14 | Completed |
| **8** | Provide a report and solutions for refurbishment of the cider press to the committee | Completed |
| **9** | Organise a site visit to discuss planting and maintenance at the cider press | Completed |
| **10** | Organise the purchase of wood bark for the sensory garden | Completed |
| **11** | Monitor the condition of the dog bin at Two Oaks | Completed |
| **12** | Arrange a visit to Millstream Meadow to outline tree pollarding works for the autumn. | Completed |
| **13** | Propose the inclusion in next year’s budget for a new picnic bench at Millstream Meadow to Full Council. | Carrie forward. **Action point 3** |

## Bat Garden:

Councillors are pleased with the maintenance of the area, but they would like the nettles/brambles cut back from round the notice board. **Action point 4.**

## Footpaths:

The fallen trees from footpath 11a have been cleared.

## Cider Press:

Mike Moyse reported that the cider is structurally stable.

## Two Oaks:

Nothing to report.

## Millstream Meadow:

1. The building contract for the playpark refurbishment has been signed, with a possible start date of October 2024.
2. Councillor Webb noted that the wetpour surface surrounding the skatepark is showing signs of wear. **Action point 5.**

## Town Centre Enhancement:

The UKSPF grant fund is now open, with proposals to be submitted to Teignbridge District Council before the 2nd September deadline. The working group will feed back to council as the application progresses.

## Culver Green:

1. Councillor Webb proposed to approve the expenditure of £221.00 to purchase bluebell and daffodil bulbs for planting in September/October. This was seconded by Councillor Hares and unanimously agreed. **Action point 6.**
2. A resident has raised concerns relating to ivy growth and tree size adjacent to their property. **Action point 7.**

## Fore Street Park:

1. Councillors would like the Town Hall and Finance Committee to review the budget for playpark maintenance. **Action point 8.**
2. Councillor Webb noted that the pagoda is missing a section of seat back rest, and a section of floor plank. **Action point 9.**

## The Gardens:

Nothing to report.

## Highways Issues:

1. Councillor Webb noted the level of weeds on the pavements within the 30mph limit.
2. Councillors have asked for an update on operational dates for the EV chargers on Lawn Drive. **Action point 10.**

## Correspondence and Clerk’s report:

Correspondence was received regarding the overgrown vegetation on Exeter Road. **Action point 11.**

## Allotments:

Nothing to report.

## Cemetery:

Nothing to report.

## Date and time of next meeting: 23rd September 2024.

## Meeting closed at 8:00pm

## Action Points

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| **Action Point** | **Action Required** | **Responsibility** |
| **1** | Review Lawn Drive verge management Autumn 2024 | All Councillors |
| **2** | Obtain cctv solutions for the allotments | Assistant Clerk |
| **3** | Propose the inclusion in next years budget for a new picnic bench at Millstream Meadow to Full Council | Assistant Clerk |
| **4** | Organise the nettles/brambles to be cut back in the Bat Garden, near the signage. | Assistant Clerk |
| **5** | Assess the condition of the wetpour surrounding the skate park | Assistant Clerk |
| **6** | Organise the purchase bluebell and daffodil bulbs for planting at Culver Green | Assistant Clerk |
| **7** | Arrange a site visit to look at ivy and tree overgrowth at Culver Green | Assistant Clerk |
| **8** | Include a bench and base in the budget for 2025-26 | Assistant Clerk |
| **9** | Arrange repairs for the seat back and missing floor plank at the pagoda | Assistant Clerk |
| **10** | Contact DCC to find out when the EV points on Lawn Drive will be operational | Assistant Clerk |
| **11** | Respond to the correspondence received about overgrown vegetation on Exeter Road | Assistant Clerk |